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In re Application of  
Cartier et al.  
Application No.: 10/053,495  
Filing Date: November 2, 2001  
Attorney Docket No.:005127.00090.

DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed February 3, 2003, requesting that the application be accepted as filed on November 2, 2001, that is, lacking page 15 of the specification and Figures 7a-7d.

The petition is **granted**. The delay in treating the petition is regretted.

Applicants renew their petition, and assert they wish to retain the filing date of November 2, 2001, by accepting the application as filed on that date which lacks page 15 of the specification and Figures 7a-7d. Applicants include a preliminary housekeeping amendment in accordance with the foregoing. The copies of page 15 and Figures 7a-7d that were filed with the petition on May 20, 2002, will not be further employed in this application.

This application is brought to the attention of the Office of Patent Examination for further processing as a complete application with a filing date of November 2, 2001, with an indication on the bibliographic record that 14 pages of specification and 5 sheets of drawings were present on filing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

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